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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the first full paragraph on page 8 as follows (a marked-up copy showing the changes is provided in the attached appendix):

bl ---Methods for producing the microparticle such as micelles or liposomes are not particularly limited and any method available to those skilled in the art can be employed. For example, usable methods include a method of producing MLV by adding an aqueous solution to a thin lipid membrane attached to a glass wall and subjecting the system to mechanical shaking; a method of producing SUV by the sonication method, the ethanol injection method, or the French press method; a method of producing LUV by the detergent removing method, the reversed phase evaporation method (Liposome, Sunamoto et al., Nankodo, 1988), the extrusion method in